

JOURNALIST DEAD

Founder of American Press Association

KNOWN THROUGHOUT LAND

Major Orlando J. Smith Died at His Home in Dobbs Ferry Last Night

New York, Dec. 23.—Major Orlando J. Smith, president and general manager of the American Press Association since 1862, died at his home in Dobbs Ferry last night. Major Smith had been ill since September, at which time he was operated on for cancer.

Major Smith was a journalist of national reputation. To his training and guidance many of the men prominent in the newspaper world during the past two decades owe their position and fame.

As head of the largest newspaper syndicate in America, Major Smith came into intimate contact with writers and journalists connected with newspapers of every grade of influence and importance. They have frequently testified to the sterling worth of his character, his own ability and his capacity for developing ability in others. His subordinates in the American Press Association, many associated with him for twenty years or more looked up to him as an unfailing source of inspiration in their work.

Major Smith was born June 14, 1842, on a farm near Terre Haute, Ind., of Vermont ancestry, his father, Elum Smith, being one of Indiana's pioneers. He sent his son to the public schools and later to Ashbury college, now DePauw university. In later years the university conferred on him a distinguished alumnus the degree of LL.D.

At the outbreak of the civil war, Major Smith enlisted. He served until the end of the war, in the armies of the Potomac, Ohio, and Cumberland, rising to the rank of major in the Sixth Indiana cavalry. He was wounded near Atlanta, Ga., and was taken prisoner. After a confinement in a Confederate prison at Augusta, Ga., Major Smith was exchanged and rejoined his regiment. He was a member of the Loyal Legion. After the war Major Smith engaged for three years in cotton planting at Enterprise, Miss.

Major Smith began his journalistic career at Terre Haute, Ind., as editor of The Terre Haute Mail; later he acquired The Terre Haute Express in 1878. He removed the latter newspaper to Chicago, continuing its publication as The Chicago Express.

In 1882 he founded, in Chicago, the American Press Association, the monument to his fame. Later the main offices of the American Press Association was removed to New York.

The association has branch offices throughout the country, serving thousands of newspapers.

Major Smith possessed the broadest of minds. He found relaxation from editorial cares in the study and exposition of religion and philosophy and economics. He embodied his views in several volumes, which have received serious attention from the world's thinkers. The most prominent of Major Smith's books are "A Short View of Great Questions," "The Coming Democracy," "Eternity," "Balance," and "Agreement Between Science and Religion."

Major Smith added to a love of learning and study a love of nature. Major Smith is survived by a wife, two daughters and a son, the last named, Courland Smith, is vice president and assistant general manager of the American Press Association.

Killed by Gas

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Abraham Bernstein, a printer, aged 23 years, was found dead and Mrs. Sarah Bernstein, aged 74, and her son, Eugene, over 15, were also affected. The cause of death was gas from the gas stove in the kitchen.

Beach Hargis on Trial.

Irvine, Ky., Dec. 17.—The trial of Beach Hargis, charged with the murder, last February, at Jackson, Ky., of his father, Judge James Hargis, was called here yesterday with both sides ready. Members of the Hargis family, which is one of the noted feud sources in the Kentucky mountains, are on both sides of the case. The wife of Judge Hargis is using the money her husband left her with which to defend the patricide. Her brother, W. Floyd Byrd, is assisting the prosecution.

Taft Leaves N. Y. For Augusta.

New York, Dec. 17.—Bringing his stay in New York to a close last night, President-elect William H. Taft was the guest of honor at one of the most notable banquets ever held in this city, the twenty-third annual dinner of the Ohio Society in New York.

The president-elect left this morning for Augusta, Ga.

Augusta Ready for President-elect.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 17.—Every preparation has been concluded for the arrival of Judge Taft. He reaches Augusta at 10 o'clock Friday morning, in a special Pullman car from New York, via the Southern railway.

Defalcation at Somersworth, N. H.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A defalcation of \$85,000 has been discovered in the First National Bank of Somersworth, N. H.

The cashier of the bank, Fred M. Varney, has been arrested.

Pier Crashed Four Drowned.

Hagstown, Md., Dec. 17.—Four men were instantly killed and four others seriously injured by a portion of the concrete pier of the new bridge being erected over the potomac river at Washington collapsing.

Fear Trouble in China.

Hong King, Dec. 21.—It is feared that the anti-foreign movement at Canton, originally caused by the death of a coolie on the steamer Falshan, who is alleged to have been brutally kicked by a Portuguese watchman on the vessel, will culminate in an outbreak against all foreigners. So serious is the situation regarded that the British torpedo boat destroyer Hart has been sent to Canton.

Suicide Cashier Union Pacific.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 21.—William R. Kelley, cashier of the Union Pacific railroad at South Omaha, committed suicide yesterday by sending a bullet through his brain.

Kelley left a letter to his wife, which indicated that overwork and perhaps unbalanced his mind.

Disappointed in Love Shot Self.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 21.—In the presence of the young woman who had just refused to marry him, Rex W. Woodfolk, aged 22, last night shot himself through the heart and fell dead across the couch from which the terrified young woman had leaped.

General Awakening of Southland.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 31.—That the clarion call to the southland, awakening it to a new era of industry and commercial progress, has been sounded through the recent southern congress, is the opinion of G. Grosvenor Dawe, director general of the congress.

Eight Night Riders to be Tried.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 15.—With both the prosecution and the defense announcing ready for trial, the latter, however, under protest, the concluding chapter in the prosecution on a charge of murder of the eight men held most responsible for the raids of the night rider band of the Redfoot lake region.

Found Dead in Hotel.

Rosnoke, Va., Dec. 18.—H. F. Mullins, who until recently represented the N. K. Fairbanks Company in this section, was found dead in a hotel here yesterday. Death was said to be due to natural causes, and there was no suspect. Mullins' home is said to have been in Philadelphia.

KNOX FOR CABINET

For Secretary of State Philander C. Knox

WILL ACCEPT APPOINTMENT

When Mr. Taft Received Telegram To This Effect He Announced It As Settled

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.—William H. Taft, president-elect of the United States last night announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, as secretary of state in his cabinet. The announcement followed the re-



PHILANDER C. KNOX.

ceipt by Mr. Taft of a telegram, which came late yesterday afternoon, conveying the information from Mr. Knox that he would accept the premiership of the Taft cabinet. Mr. Taft, without delay, made the announcement that the matter was settled.

Senator Knox's first appearance as a national figure was when he entered the cabinet of William McKinley as attorney general, in 1901, to succeed John W. Griggs, of New Jersey. He was continued in the same office by President Roosevelt, and continued to serve until he resigned in 1904 to accept the appointment of United States senator from Pennsylvania.

Wickersham of New York for Attorney General.

New York, Dec. 18.—That President-elect Taft has selected George W. Wickersham, of the New York law firm of Strong & Cadwalader, to be attorney general in his cabinet, was learned today from a source that is regarded as reliable.

Little on Central of Georgia.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 16.—Attorney John D. Little, of Atlanta, it is announced, has been appointed assistant general counsel for the Central of Georgia Railway Company, with headquarters in Atlanta, effective Jan. 1.

Birdsong Sentenced for Life.

Hazlehurst, Miss., Dec. 16.—Within a week of the time he shot and killed Dr. A. P. Pitts, a prominent physician, Dr. Thomas Birdsong, a dentist and a member of an equally prominent family, will have begun the serving of a life sentence.

Dine President Tonight.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Vice President Fairbanks' splendid big mansion on K street will be the scene tonight of the formal opening of Washington's official social season, when President Roosevelt sits down to dine as the guest of his official subordinate.

It has been suggested that the relations of the two men have been strained, owing in part to the recent denunciation by the president of Delavan Smith, publisher of the Indianapolis News. The latter, who is related to Mr. Fairbanks.

The social relations of the Roosevelt and Fairbanks families always have been calm and untroubled.

Watchman Stuck to his Post and Burned.

Monroe, Ga., Dec. 16.—The oil mill of the Southern Oil Company, in this city, and one of the oldest and best industries of the kind in the state, with all its contents, was burned yesterday, incurring a loss of approximately \$50,000, and in addition burned to death Night Watchman Charles Studdard, who stuck to his post, fighting the fire until overcome.

Father Killed by Son.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 16.—John Kitchen and his son, Monroe, farmers, living at Wrens, Ga., thirty miles from Augusta, engaged in a shotgun duel yesterday, the son killing the father. Both men, it is said, were drinking, and no other cause for the quarrel is given.

BOSTON WET OR DRY?

CITY VOTES TODAY ON QUESTION OF ABOLISHING SALOONS.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The principal question in the municipal election, held here today, is the following: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city?" A few days ago the principal cities of Massachusetts outside of Boston voted on this question, the results being about evenly divided, and the entire state and prohibitionists throughout the country are eagerly awaiting the returns of today's election.

In addition to the important license question, Boston is also voting for members of the board of aldermen, members of the common council, members of the school committee and a street commissioner.

Big Poultry Show Opens.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The Chicago poultry show, one of the three big events of the year for the fowl fancier, opened here today with a splendid exhibition of chickens, pigeons, turkeys, ducks, geese and other feathered specimens. The two other big shows of the year are those in New York and Boston. This year the Chicago show is the first of the three.

The poultry show has attracted to the city persons interested in poultry from all parts of the country. More than 1,000 chickens of all known breeds are entered. Prizes amounting to more than \$10,000 are offered.

New Theater Begun.

New York, Dec. 16.—The cornerstone of the New theater, a home for the dramatic art of America, was laid this afternoon in the presence of an assemblage of authors, dramatists, city officials and other distinguished persons.

The ceremony of laying the cornerstone took place in the vestibule of the new building. In addition to an address by Mayor McClellan there were speeches by Augustus Thomas, the playwright, and President John H. Finley of the City college. Richard Watson Gilder read an ode composed for the occasion. Miss Geraldine Farrar sang, and a dedicatory choral by Percy MacKaye was sung by a full chorus.

Japanese Government to Stop Emigration.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—A special to The Record-Herald from Washington says: All Japanese emigration to the United States is to be stopped by the Japanese government. When the Japanese diet meets a few weeks hence Baron Komura, minister of foreign affairs, will make official announcement that the government has decided to prohibit all emigration to the United States after a given date.

Huntley for Judge Alabama.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate committee on judiciary yesterday voted to recommend that the nomination of Judge Oscar R. Huntley, for the northern district of Alabama, be confirmed.

One More Veteran Called Home.

Atlanta, Dec. 15.—D. W. Ferguson, a well-known citizen of Waleska, Ga., and a confederate veteran, died at a private sanitarium from an attack of paralysis.

PROOF IS ASKED

House Asks Roosevelt to Supply Evidence

IMPARTIAL CONSIDERATION

Mr. Perkins Charged to Make Investigation of Allegations Made in Message

Washington, Dec. 16.—Laughter greeted the reading of the opening paragraph of the president's message to congress on the Panama canal charges yesterday.

As the secretary read the statement that the charges were "false in every particular," Senator Bailey laughed outright as he was passing along the rear of the chamber to his seat. Other senators on both sides of the chamber joined with him, and when the reader reached the statement that a statement in a newspaper which he mentioned would not be believed, there was general merriment from both sides of the chamber.

The message elicited the greatest interest in the house. The members gave close attention during the reading of the document, and there was a ripple of laughter over the president's characterization of Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of The New York World.

"These stories," he said, "were first brought to my attention as published in a paper in Indianapolis, called 'The News,' edited by Mr. Delavan Smith. The stories were scurrilous and libelous in character and false in every essential particular. Mr. Smith shelters himself behind the excuse that he merely accepted the statements which had appeared in a paper in New York 'The World,' owned by Joseph Pulitzer. 'It is idle to say that the known character of Mr. Pulitzer and his newspaper are such that the statements in that paper will be believed by nobody.'"

N. Y. World Answers Roosevelt.

New York, Dec. 16.—The World, in the course of its answer to President Roosevelt's references to that paper in his special message to congress yesterday says:

"Mr. Roosevelt is mistaken. He cannot muzzle The World."

Hard Blow Given Tobacco Trust.

New York, Dec. 16.—Nine companies are named as constituting an illegal combination in the final decree filed yesterday in the United States circuit court, putting into effect the judgment recently obtained by the government in its suit to dissolve the so-called tobacco trust. The companies named are the American Tobacco Company, the American Snuff Company, the American Cigar Company, the American Stogie Company, MacAndrews & Forbes Co., P. Lorillard & Co., R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Blackwell's Durham Tobacco Company and the Conley Foli Company.

America to Regain Artist.

New York, Dec. 16.—Frederick William MacMonnies, the famous sculptor, one of America's most prominent artists, sailed for France today to pack up his household goods. His former home in Normandy. When this is done he will return to America and make his permanent home in his native country.

Good Work of Sheriff.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 15.—A mob gathered at Jamestown, Russell county, Sunday night with the intention of lynching James Hill, a white man, charged with the murder of 13-year-old Mamie Womack, and only the vigilance of the sheriff saved Hill's life.

Accident Record for 1908.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Between thirty and thirty-five thousand deaths and two million injured is the accident record in the United States during the past year among working men according to a bulletin on accidents issued yesterday by the bureau of labor.